

Appln No. 09/923,676

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The indication of allowability of the subject matter of claim 22 has been noted. Claim 16 has been amended to incorporate the novel subject matter of claim 22.

Claims 1 to 15 and 21 to 30 have been cancelled without prejudice. Consideration of amended claim 16, new claims 31 to 33, and dependent claims 17 to 20 is requested.

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